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For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PRE-TEARING STRINGS OF AIR-FILLED PACKING MATERIALS AND THE LIKE**

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

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 Prior Art Statement 3 Sheets of drawing(s) An Assignment of the invention to: Power of Attorney by Assignee & Exclusion of Inventor Under 37 CFR 1.32
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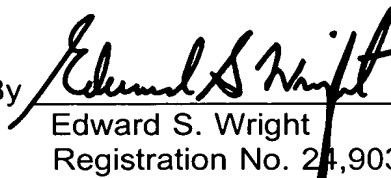
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